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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, MT  
SUBJECT: EX- POLICE COMMISSIONER PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: VALLETTA 0033

1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE HELD OSTENSIBLY TO SET FORTH HIS VIEWS ON REORGANIZATION OF MALTA POLICE, EX- POLICE COMMISSIONER ALFRED BENCINI REVEALED THAT HE HAD BEEN ON " PROTEST" LEAVE RATHER THAN " SICK" LEAVE PRIOR TO HIS RESIGNATION; THAT HE HAD ALMOST RESIGNED ONLY ONE MONTH AFTER ASSUMING OFFICE; AND THAT HE IS CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR PARLIAMENT AS A CANDIDATE OF A THIRD PARTY AT THE NEXT ELECTION.

2. COMMENT: BENCINI'S FIRST TWO COMMENTS IS FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT CONFIRMING WHAT EVERYONE ALREADY KNEW. HIS COMMENTS ON FUTURE POLITICAL PLANS FOLLOW SERIES OF RUMORS THAT HE AND MICALLEF STAFLACE MIGHT ATTEMPT TO ORGANIZE A THIRD PARTY OF PRO- LABOR BUT ANTI- MINTOFF ELEMENTS. AT THIS POINT, WE DO NOT GIVE ANY SUCH PARTY MUCH CHANCE OF SUCCESS REGARDLESS OF CURRENT DISSATISFACTION AMONG MLP SUPPORTERS RESULTING FROM MINTOFF'S TACTICS, ECONOMIC SITUATION, AND HEAVY UNEMPLOYMENT.

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